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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 4-9 as follows:

4. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in,
that the colour or tint of the strip (10) is an indication of the product type, size, absorption capacity or the like of the article.
5. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in,

that the strip (10) extends in the longitudinal direction of the article over the entire or at least an essential part of the length of the article.

6. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in,
that the strip (10) extends in the transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line in the folded packaging position of the article.

7. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in,
that the width of the strip (10) is between 1 and 8 cm, preferably between 2 and 7 cm and more preferably between 3 and 6 cm.

8. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in,
that on or adjacent the strip (10) there is further printed symbols (11), codes or the like which indicate the product type, size, absorption capacity or the like of the article.

REMARKS

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the amendment or the above-identified application in general, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned so as to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up Claims 4 - 9

4. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in [any of the preceding claims]
claim 1,
characterized in,
that the colour or tint of the strip (10) is an indication of the product type, size, absorption
capacity or the like of the article.

5. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in [any of the preceding claims]
claim 1,
characterized in,
that the strip (10) extends in the longitudinal direction of the article over the entire or at
least an essential part of the length of the article.

6. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in [any of claims 1-4] claim 1,
characterized in,
that the strip (10) extends in the transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of
the article that is intended to form a folding line in the folded packaging position of the
article.

7 [8]. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in [any of the preceding claims]
claim 1,
characterized in,
that the width of the strip (10) is between 1 and 8 cm, preferably between 2 and 7 cm and
more preferably between 3 and 6 cm.

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8 [9]. (Amended) Absorbent article as claimed in [any of the preceding claims]

claim 1,

characterized in,

that on or adjacent the strip (10) there is further printed symbols (11), codes or the like

which indicate the product type, size, absorption capacity or the like of the article.